

Intergovernmental Agreements between MRDD and a County Board

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I. Basic Funding and Services Agreement

This is an agreement between a County Board and the Division which permits the County to deposit money into the Mental Health Trust Fund (MHTF) in order to use those funds as match money for federal Medicaid dollars. This is a 40/60 match arrangement under which the County can purchase five dollars worth of services for two dollars of County funds.

The County may specify which Medicaid waiver programs/services or Medicaid eligible consumers it wants to fund.

Under some agreements, the Division shares responsibility with the County to provide matching funds. In these arrangements the County and the Regional Center may put up equal amounts of matching funds in a partnership relationship. That is, the County and the Division each pay half of the State's 40% share.

II. Targeted Case Management Agreement (TCM)

Counties may become providers of Targeted Case Management Services. In 2003, fifteen counties provided TCM services. The County must certify the 40% State share of the cost and bills Medicaid directly for TCM services provided to Medicaid eligible consumers receiving the 60% Federal share in payment.

A second arrangement is still in development and must be approved by the state Medicaid Agency, DMS, and the federal Medicaid Agency, CMS. Pending approval, a County that does not wish to employ Case Managers may be permitted to subcontract with a Not-For-Profit entity to provide TCM service. The County and the Not-For-Profit must meet terms set by the Division. The County will be responsible for paying the Not-For-Profit for case management services with County funds at an amount the county and the Not-For-Profit agree upon. The Not-For-Profit must agree to enroll as a Medicaid MRDD TCM provider and reassign all Medicaid payment (the 60% federal share) back to the County. We plan to have our first pilot in operation by July 1, 2004.

III. Expanded Funding and Services Agreement

In this agreement, the Division allows the County to manage some or all of the money that the Division traditionally spends in a County. In the two existing agreements, the Division sets aside an allocation that the County, either by providing or purchasing services, may bill against. There may be certain advantages to the County to enter into such an agreement. For Medicaid services, all Medicaid rules would still apply.

IV. Affiliated Community Service Provider (ACSP)

Under this type of agreement, the County assumes a greater responsibility for providing County wide services and supports to consumers. In the two existing arrangements, a shared unit system is used to allow the County access to the funds the Division would spend in that County. An ACSP may provide TCM services as well as provide or purchase a comprehensive array of services to consumers. An ACSP does not have to make deposits into the MHTF in order to take advantage of Medicaid matching funds. The County may certify the 40% match funds and bill directly to Medicaid for the 60% federal share.

These descriptions are provided as a brief overview of the agreements between the Division of MRDD and County Boards. For additional information, please feel free to contact Kent Stalder at

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